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1. UNDER THE TITLE: "YOUNG: PRESIDENT CARTER UNDERSTANDS MY VIEWS ON RACISM" "TARATRA-ANTA" (FORMERLY "MADAGASCAR-PRESSE", THE GOVERNMENTAL NEWS AGENCY) CARRIED (JUNE 9) A 300-WORD SUMMARY OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CHAT WITH WASHINGTON NEWSMEN JUNE 7.

2. "ANTA" QUOTED YOUNG AS SAYING: "THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T TELL ME TO SHUT UP (IL NE M'A PAS DEMANDE DE RESTER COI). THE PRESIDENT UNDERSTANDS, AND, I THINK, APPRECIATES THE JOB I AM DOING. I THINK HE UNDERSTANDS MY VIEWS ON RACISM".

3. IN ITS BROADCASTS IN MALAGASY, RADIO MADAGASCAR REPORTED THE SAME ITEM IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS: " I WAS NOT REPRIMANDED BY PRESIDENT CARTER," ANDREW YOUNG SAID YESTERDAY JUST AFTER HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE U.S. PRESIDENT. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE "BOSS" DID NOT ASK OR FORCE HIM TO HOLD HIS TONGUE... EARLIER, PRESIDENT CARTER HAD STATED THAT HE DID NOT AGREE WITH ANDREW YOUNG'S STATEMENT THAT GERALD FORD AND RICHARD NIXON WERE RACIST. YOUNG MADE THIS STATEMENT TO 'PLAYBOY' MAGAZINE, WHICH INFURIATED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. HE WAS NOT INTIMIDATED BY SOME PEOPLE'S ANGER. ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRARY, HE ADDED THAT JOHNSON AND KENNEDY WERE RACIST, TOO; THAT IS, THAT IT'S NOT ONLY THE REPUBLICANS WHO ARE RACIST BUT ALSO THE DEMOCRATS IN THE UNITED STATES. ANDREW YOUNG SAID PRESIDENT CARTER KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE MEANT."RAZI

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